

CONTINUING THE EXISTENCE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN PROBLEMS

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Mr. BIBLE, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. Con. Res. 59]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 59) amending Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 86th Congress, agreed to February 5, 1959 (continuing the existence of the Joint Committee on Washington Metropolitan Problems), after full consideration report favorably thereon, without amendment, and recommend that the concurrent resolution be agreed to by the Senate.

House Concurrent Resolution 172, 85th Congress, agreed to August 29, 1957, established a joint congressional committee to examine, investigate, and make a complete study of matters pertaining to the growth and expansion of the District of Columbia and its metropolitan area. Under the terms of that resolution, the joint committee submitted its final report, together with recommendations for such legislation as it deemed advisable, to the Senate and the House of Representatives on January 31, 1959.

The joint committee has expended approximately \$90,000 of the amount authorized since its organization in October 1957. The joint committee was allotted \$50,000 under House Concurrent Resolution 172, 85th Congress, and returned to the contingent fund of the Senate approximately \$37,500. It was allotted \$80,000 under Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, 85th Congress, and returned to the contingent fund of the Senate approximately \$14,000. It was allotted \$30,000 under Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 86th Congress, and only about one-half of such amount has been expended to date.

It was originally anticipated that the joint committee would complete its assigned tasks and report by September 30, 1959, its finding in connection with the mass transportation survey conducted by the National Capital Planning Commission. This particular

report was submitted to the Congress as a published document on July 10, 1959. The joint committee has adopted a work schedule calling for public hearings during the latter part of October 1959, on the mass transportation survey report and recommendations. It is felt that a substantial period of time is required for study of this report by Government agencies, interested parties, and the joint committee considering its complexity and magnitude, that public hearings be conducted in connection therewith, and that a report be made to Congress thereon. In order to accomplish this, the concurrent resolution provides for extending the life of the joint committee until January 31, 1960, and for an additional appropriation not to exceed \$25,000, to be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the joint committee.

